

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 903

By Alexander

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Julia Gilmore on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Julia Gilmore of Washington County is one such exemplary person, who has received the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, an active volunteer since she was nine years old, Ms. Gilmore's service includes fundraising, public speaking, educating, donating, assembling care packages, writing letters, and providing other support to her community; and

WHEREAS, Julia Gilmore is the founder and a volunteer for The Gilmore Giving Tree, a program that promotes services for children in Johnson City and assists with fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, an advocate for service, she encourages her peers and other teens to be involved in volunteer work in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gilmore is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Julia Gilmore for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.